**United States Constitution**

**Practice Exam Answers**

1. Federalism is the practice of dividing and sharing power between two levels of government, a federal/national and state government.
2. Proportional representation means a state’s power in Congress is based on population while equal representation means all states are treated equally.
3. The Senate’s primary role is to advise and consent on nominations and treaties. To serve in the Senate you must be 30 years old, be a resident of the state for 9 years.
4. A candidate must receive 270 votes in the Electoral College.
5. The Supreme Court interprets the laws of the United States and determines whether or not they are constitutional (judicial review).
6. Virginia Plan has a strong national government and two houses with proportional representation. New Jersey Plan has a weak national government with one house based on equal representation. The Great Compromise has a strong two house government with the House of Representatives based on proportional representation and the Senate based on equal representation.
7. The Three-fifth’s Compromise determined that African-Americans and slaves would count as 3/5th’s of a person.
8. *Miranda vs. Arizona* used the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth amendments to create the Miranda Rights to protect the rights of people who are arrested.
9. Madison hates political parties and would not like our current system.
10. The five freedoms of the First Amendment are freedom of religion, speech, press, the right to assemble and the right to petition the government for a redress of grievances.